

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL AND NOVEMBER 17, 2015 RUN-OFF ELECTION

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.
City Attorney's Large Conference Room
1700 Convention Center Drive, Fourth Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Canvassing Board members present:

Hon. Don S. Cohn, County Court Judge Rafael E. Granado, City of Miami Beach City Clerk Elizabeth Wheaton, Miami Beach Qualified Elector Jimmy McMillion, Miami Beach Qualified Elector (Mayor Philip Levine's Alternate Appointment)

Staff to Canvassing Board present:

Jean Olin, Esq., Special Counsel Liliam R. Hatfield, Assistant City Clerk

Others present:

Elizabeth Velazquez, Esq., Intern to Judge Cohn

AFTER ACTION

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

- 1. Introductions were made. Welcome remarks.
- Designation of Chair: per Fla. Stat. Sec. 102.141(1) County Court Judge Cohn is Chair.

ACTION: Jean Olin, Special Counsel, explained that this is the Canvassing Board for the November 3, 2015 General Election and for the November 17, 2016 Run-Off Election, and pursuant to Florida Statute §102.141(1), Hon. Don S. Cohn, County Court Judge is designated as Chair.

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk and Ms. Elizabeth Wheaton shall serve as the other two members of the City's Canvassing Board.

Mr. Granado explained that due to a surgical procedure, he will not be able to attend the Canvassing Board meetings after October 18, 2015, and requested approval, consistent with Florida law, for the Chair to appoint one of the Alternate members as the substitute member to attend all subsequent Canvassing Board meetings as substitute for City Clerk Granado.

Ms. Olin recommended that of the two Alternative members, Judge Cohn consider selecting Alternative Board member Jimmy McMillion to serve as substitute for Mr. Granado, since Mr. McMillion has served as a Canvassing Board member in the past, and is familiar with the process, and since Alternative Board member Victoria Ferrer has previously been designated by Chief Judge Bertila Soto to serve as substitute member in the event that Judge Cohn or Board Member Wheaton are unable to attend a Canvassing Board meeting. Judge Cohn accepted the recommendation and appointed Mr. McMillion to serve in such capacity--Jimmy McMillion will serve as a Canvassing Board member in Mr. Granado's absence.

During Board discussion of Canvassing Board meeting dates, Ms. Wheaton informed the Board of her inability to attend the scheduled Canvassing Board meeting on November 20, 2015 (if such meeting is needed due to Runoff Election) due to her previously scheduled travel plans.

Judge Cohn requested that the Office of the City Clerk notify Judge Ferrer of the inability of Ms. Wheaton to attend Canvassing Board's meeting on November 20, 2015, and that she serve as the substitute. **Office of the City Clerk to handle.**

3. Orientation--Sunshine Law, Public Records; also, discussion noting role of Canvassing Board members re: absentee and provisional ballots, and discussion regarding role of "Alternative" members.

ACTION: Attorney Olin explained the provisions of the Sunshine Law, Public Records Law, and general overview of duties of Canvassing Board members in relation to the City's General and Runoff Elections. The Office of the City Clerk will notice all Canvassing Board meetings.

4. Review Canvassing Board Schedule.

ACTION: Motion to designate City Clerk Granado as the Canvassing Board member to attend the Logic and Accuracy test on October 15, 2015 made by Ms. Wheaton, seconded by Mr. Granado; Voice-vote: 3-0.

ACTION: Consistent with above, motion to designate Alternate Board Member McMillion to serve as Board Member responsible for attending future Logic and Accuracy testing.as an Alternate member of the Canvassing Board by Mr. Granado; seconded by Ms. Wheaton; Voice vote: 3-0.

5. Establish criteria for acceptance of absentee ballots and designate Canvassing Board member to act on behalf of the Board, if necessary.

Attorney Olin explained discretionary duties of Canvassing Board The act of canvassing is reserved to the Canvassing Board members, subject to the public's ability to observe said proceedings.

ACTION: Motion to designate Jimmy McMillion as Canvassing Board member to attend the November 12, 2015 Logic and Accuracy Test made by Ms. Wheaton; seconded by Mr. Granado; Voice vote: 3-0.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Granado to designate Jimmy McMillion as the Alternate to attend in Mr. Granado's place from November 3, 2015 through November 17, 2015 as needed; seconded by Ms. Wheaton. Voice vote: 3-0.

6. Review State Rule IS-2.027 regarding Standards for Determining Voter's Choice on a ballot. (See Exhibit A)

ACTION: Rule was discussed/reviewed for the General and Run-Off Elections.

7. Open the meeting for public comment.

ACTION: No public comment due to absence of any members of public in attendance.

8. Adjourn the meeting

ACTION: Motion to adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m., made by Ms. Wheaton, seconded by Mr. Granado; Voice-vote: 3-0.

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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION CANVASSING BOARD MEETING Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

City Attorney's Large Conference Room 1700 Convention Center Drive, Fourth Floor Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Canvassing Board Regular/Substitute Members:

Hon. Don Cohn, County Court Judge; Chair Rafael E. Granado, City of Miami Beach City Clerk Elizabeth Wheaton, Qualified Elector

Canvassing Board Alternative Members:

Hon. Victoria Ferrer, County Court Judge; Chief Judge Bertila Soto's Alternate Appointment Jimmy McMillion, Qualified Elector; Mayor Philip Levine's Alternate Appointment

Staff to Canvassing Board:

Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney Jean Olin, Esq., Outside Counsel Liliam Hatfield, Assistant City Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- Designation of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson--per Fla. Stat. sec. 102.141 (1) County Court Judge is the Chair.
- 3. Orientation--Sunshine Law, Public Records; also, discussion noting role of Canvassing Board members re: absentee and provisional ballots, and discussion regarding role of "alternative" members.
- Review Canvassing Board Schedule.
- Establish criteria for acceptance of absentee ballots and designate Canvassing Board member to act on behalf of the Board for public testing of voting equipment, per Fla. Stat. sec. 101.5612.
- 6. Review State Rule IS-2.027 Standards for Determining Voter's Choice on a ballot. (See Exhibit A.)
- 7. Open the meeting for public comment.
- 8. Adjourn the meeting.

NOTICE OF TESTING OF THE TABULATING EQUIPMENT (LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST) AND CANVASSING BOARD SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Pursuant to Florida Statute §101.5612, notice is hereby given of the time and location of the public preelection test of the automatic tabulating equipment (Logic and Accuracy Test) for the November 3, 2015 Miami Beach General and Special Elections.

Pursuant to Florida Statute §102.141, notice is hereby given of the time and place during which the City of Miami Beach Canvassing Board for the November 3, 2015 Miami Beach General and Special Elections will meet to canvass the absentee electors' ballots and provisional ballots.

The City of Miami Beach Canvassing Board will convene at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, 2700 NW 87 Avenue, Miami (Doral), Florida. The Canvassing Board is convening on these dates in preparation to conduct the Miami Beach General and Special Elections to be held on November 3, 2015.

DATE/TIME	ATE/TIME ACTIVITY	
Thursday, 10/15/15 4:00 p.m. <i>Revised</i>	 Logic and Accuracy Test of the touch screen and optical scan voting systems to be used for absentee, early voting, and precinct ballots 	
Friday, 10/30/15 1:00 p.m. through Tuesday, 11/3/15	 Pre-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan system used for absentee and provisional ballots Absentee ballot opening and processing (as needed) Duplication of ballots (as needed) 	
Tuesday, 11/3/15 Canvassing: 5:00 p.m. to completion	Absentee ballot opening and processing (as needed) Duplication of ballots (as needed) Canvassing of presumed invalid absentee ballots and provisional ballots Tabulation of results Unofficial Results provided by the Supervisor of Elections	
Friday, 11/6/15 1:30 p.m. to completion	 Canvassing of provisional ballots (if needed) Certification of Official Results, including provisionals, by the Supervisor of Elections Post-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan system used for absentee and provisional ballots Race and precinct(s) selection for manual post-election audit Audit process starts to completion 	

All proceedings will be open to the public. To request this material in alternate format, sign language interpreter (five-day notice required), information on access for persons with disabilities, and/or any accommodation to review any document or participate in any City-sponsored proceedings, call 305.604.2489 and select 1 for English or 2 for Spanish, then option 6; TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service).

In accordance with Florida Statute §286.0105, a person who appeals any decision by the Canvassing Board with respect to any matter considered at a meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and therefore will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Please note that the Canvassing Board Schedule is subject to change, if needed. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411 if you have any questions.

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Canvassing Board Alternative/Substitute Members:

Hon. Victoria Ferrer, County Court Judge Jimmy McMillion, Qualified Elector

NOTICE OF TESTING OF THE TABULATING EQUIPMENT (LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST) AND CANVASSING BOARD SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH RUN-OFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY) NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Pursuant to Florida Statute §101.5612, notice is hereby given of the time and location of the public preelection test of the automatic tabulating equipment (Logic and Accuracy Test) for the November 17, 2015 Miami Beach Run-Off Election (if necessary).

Pursuant to Florida Statute §102.141, notice is hereby given of the time and place during which the City of Miami Beach Canvassing Board for the November 17, 2015 Miami Beach Run-Off Election (if necessary) will meet to canvass the absentee electors' ballots and provisional ballots.

The City of Miami Beach Canvassing Board will convene at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, 2700 NW 87 Avenue, Miami (Doral), Florida. The Canvassing Board is convening on these dates in preparation to conduct the Miami Beach Run-Off Election to be held on November 17, 2015 (if necessary).

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY
Thursday, 11/12/15 10:00 a.m.	Logic and Accuracy Test of the touch screen and optical scan voting systems to be used for absentee, early voting, and precinct ballots
Friday, 11/13/15 10:00 a.m. through Tuesday, 11/17/15	Pre-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan system used for absentee and provisional ballots Absentee ballot opening and processing (as needed) Duplication of ballots (as needed)
Tuesday, 11/17/15 Canvassing: 5:00 p.m. to completion	Absentee ballot opening and processing (as needed) Duplication of ballots (as needed) Canvassing of presumed invalid absentee ballots and provisional ballots Tabulation of results Unofficial Results provided by the Supervisor of Elections
Friday, 11/20/15 11:30 a.m. to completion	Canvassing of provisional ballots (if needed) Certification of Official Results, including provisionals, by the Supervisor of Elections Post-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan system used for absentee and provisional ballots Race and precinct(s) selection for manual post-election audit Audit process starts to completion

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EXHIBIT A

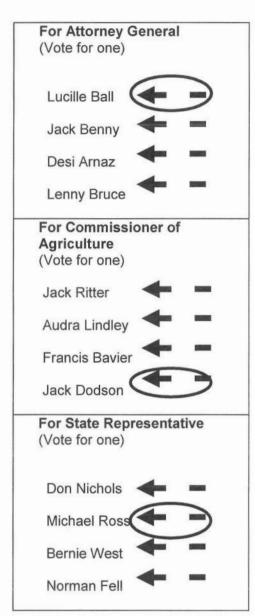
1S-2.027 Standards for Determining Voter's Choice on a Ballot.

- (1) Application. The standards in this rule apply to determine whether the voter has clearly indicated a definite choice for purposes of counting a vote cast on a ballot in a manual recount as provided specifically by Section 102.166 F.S.
 - (2) Direct recording electronic voting system.
- (a) A vote cast on this voting system is valid for a particular candidate, issue choice, or judicial retention choice when the voter marks the ballot electronically as specified in the ballot instructions.
- (b) A vote cast on this voting system is valid for a particular write-in candidate when the voter types on the touch screen the name of a write-in candidate in accordance with the ballot instructions.
 - (3) Optical scan voting system.
- (a) A vote cast on this voting system is valid for a particular candidate, issue choice, or judicial retention choice when the voter marks the ballot as specified in the ballot instructions.
- (b) A vote cast on this voting system is valid for a particular write-in candidate when the voter writes in the name of a candidate in the designated write-in space and fills in the oval or arrow next to the write-in candidate's name.
 - (4) Manual review and tabulation.
- (a) The standards under this subsection apply in all instances where a contest is not marked as specified in the ballot instructions under subsection (2) or (3) and a manual review of the voter's markings on a ballot is required to determine whether there is a clear indication that the voter has made a definite choice in a contest.
- (b) The canvassing board must first look at the entire ballot for consistency. Then the provisions of paragraph (c) apply to determine whether the voter has made a definite choice in a contest, provided the voter has not marked any other contest on the ballot, or if the voter has marked other contests, he or she has marked them in the same manner, subject to the exceptions in subparagraphs 7., 10., and 15. The following are examples of valid votes after review for consistency:

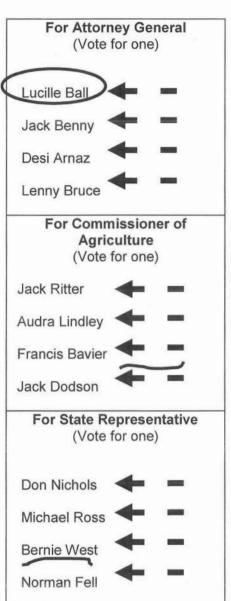
For Attorney General (Vote for one) Lucille Ball Jack Benny Desi Amaz Lenny Bruce For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for one) Jack Ritter Audra Lindley Francis Bavier Jack Dodson For State Representative (Vote for one) Don Nichols Michael Ross Bernie West Norman Fell

Ballot Situation 1: Recount in race of State Representative. The two ovals in the first two races are filled in properly, but the voter has circled the candidate's name in the state representative race.

Since the voter did not mark the state representative race in the same manner as in the other races, it cannot be determined whether the voter has clearly indicated a definite choice for Don Nichols.



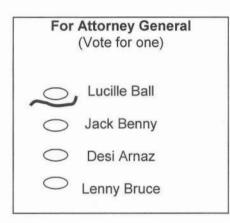
Ballot Situation 2: Recount in race of State Representative. All races on this ballot are marked in the same manner. Since the ballot is consistently marked as in paragraph (c), the vote cast for Michael Ross in the state representative race is a valid vote.



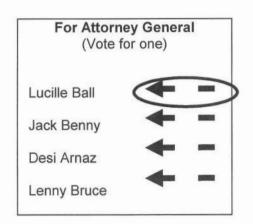
Ballot Situation 3: Recount in State Representative race. Each race is marked differently so that no consistency in marking exists. It cannot be determined which marking, if any, is clearly indicative of the voter's choice. Therefore, the vote cast for Bernie West is not valid.

- (c) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), the following marks constitute a valid vote as indicated for a particular candidate, issue choice, or judicial retention choice:
- 1. The voter circles or underlines either the oval, or arrow next to a candidate's name, issue choice, or judicial retention choice.

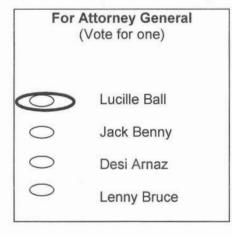
Valid Vote for Ball



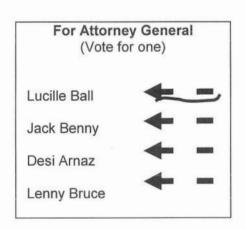
Valid Vote for Ball



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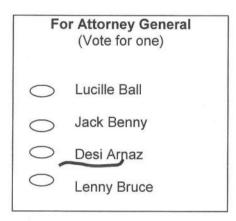


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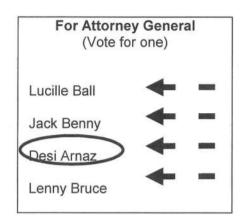


2. The voter circles or underlines the name of a candidate, issue choice, or judicial retention choice.

Valid Vote for Arnaz

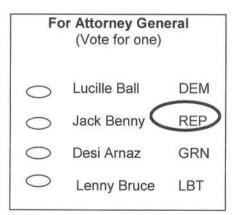


Valid Vote for Arnaz

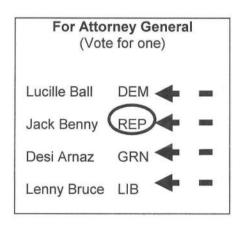


3. The voter circles or underlines the party abbreviation associated with a candidate's name.

Valid Vote for Benny

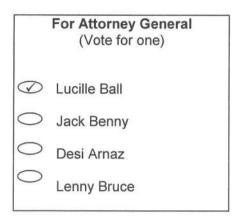


Valid Vote for Benny

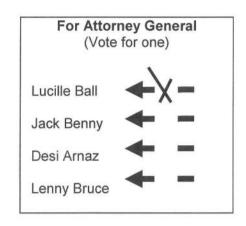


4. The voter marks an "X," a check mark, a cross, a plus sign, an asterisk or a star, any portion of which is contained in a single oval or within the blank space between the head and tail of a single arrow. The marking must not enter into another oval or the space between the head and tail of another arrow.

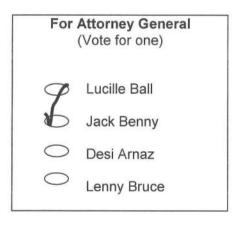
Valid Vote for Ball



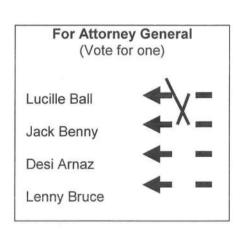
Valid Vote for Ball



Invalid Vote



Invalid Vote



5. The voter draws a diagonal, horizontal, or vertical line, any portion of which intersects two points on the oval and which does not intersect another oval at any two points. If it is a

horizontal line, the line must not strike through the name of the candidate.

Valid Vote for Ball

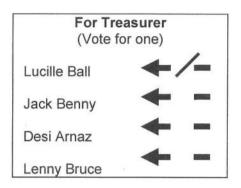
Valid Vote for Ball

For Attorney General For Attorney General (Vote for one) (Vote for one) Lucille Ball - Lucille Ball Jack Benny Jack Benny Desi Arnaz Desi Arnaz Lenny Bruce Lenny Bruce

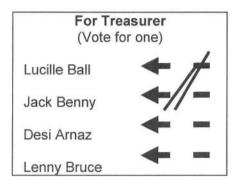
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6. The voter draws a diagonal or vertical line that intersects an imaginary line extending from the center of the head of a single arrow to the center of the tail of the same arrow, provided the diagonal or vertical line does not intersect the imaginary line joining the head and tail of another arrow.

Valid Vote for Ball

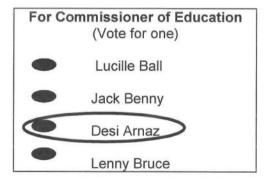


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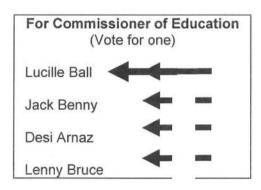


7. The voter marks all the choices for a race but further clarifies a choice for a particular candidate, issue choice or judicial retention choice by placing an additional mark or marks showing support solely for that particular candidate, issue or judicial retention choice.

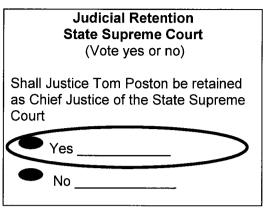
Valid Vote for Arnaz



Valid Vote for Ball

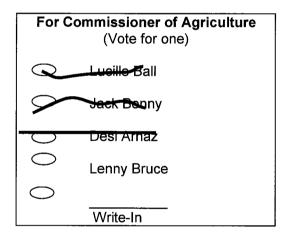


Valid Vote to Keep Justice in Office



8. The voter strikes through all the choices for candidates, issue, or judicial retention except for one and also leaves the write-in candidate space blank.

Valid Vote for Bruce



9. The voter writes words such as "Vote for [candidate's name]," "Count this vote" or "Vote no on amendment or referendum," or "I want this one," provided there are no other markings in the race that would constitute a valid vote for a different candidate, issue choice, or judicial retention choice pursuant to rule.

For State Senator (Vote for one) Lucille Ball Jack Benny Desi Arnaz This one Lenny Bruce

For State (Vote fo		
Lucille Ball	+	_
Jack Benny	+	-
Desi Arnaz	•	-
Lenny Bruce		

Invalid Vote

Valid "No" vote

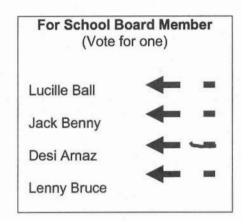
	Pro	posed Constitutional Amendment No. 1 Article, section (Popular Name)	
1		nit the increase in the assessed value of a taxpayer's real ntywide reappraisal and to require a property tax credit.	
0	YES I vote	Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1	
0	NO	Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1	

10. The voter fills in the majority of an oval, or the majority of the distance between the head and the tail of an arrow designating a particular candidate, issue choice, or judicial retention choice, regardless of how other races on the ballot are marked.

Valid Vote for Arnaz

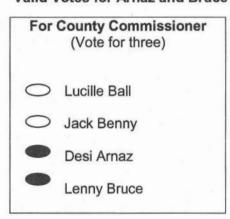
For School Board Member (Vote for one) Lucille Ball Jack Benny Desi Arnaz Lenny Bruce

Valid Vote for Arnaz

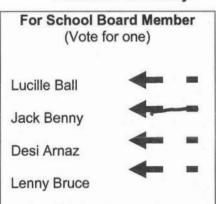


11. If a voter marks fewer candidates than there are positions to be elected for those offices, then the votes for all of those marked candidates shall count. For example, if the voter is allowed to vote for 5 candidates in a special district election ("Vote for 5") and the voter marks 2 candidates, the votes for those two marked candidates shall count.

Valid Votes for Arnaz and Bruce

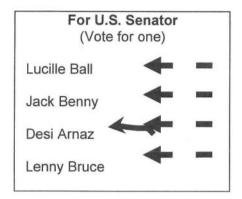


Valid Vote for Benny

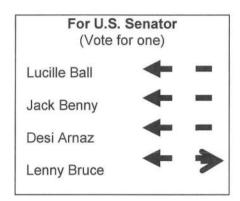


12. The voter draws an arrow from the arrow head to a particular candidate, issue choice or judicial retention choice or draws an arrow head on the tail end of the arrow in lieu of filling in the void between the arrow head and the tail for the particular candidate, issue choice or judicial retention choice.

Valid Vote for Arnaz

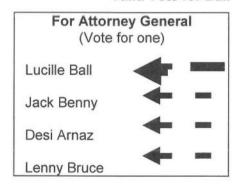


Valid Vote for Bruce



13. The voter darkens or bolds the arrow head and the arrow tail but does not fill in the void between the arrow head and the tail.

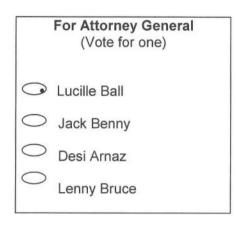
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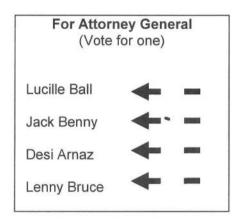


14. The voter punches the oval or the void between the arrow head and tail.

Valid Vote for Ball

Valid Vote for Benny

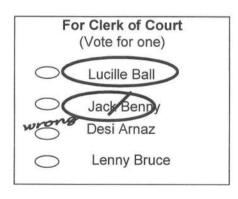


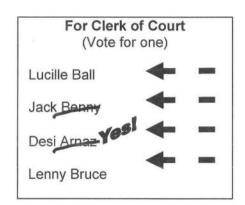


15. The voter marks two or more choices similarly in one of the ways indicated in paragraphs 1.-14. and additionally writes in comments such as "not this," "ignore this," "don't want," or "wrong," or "Vote for [candidate's name]" such that voter's definite choice is clearly indicated.

Valid Vote for Ball

Valid Vote for Arnaz





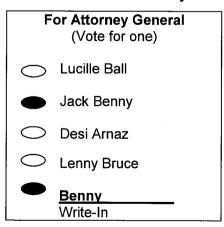
- (5) Write-in Voting.
- (a) A voter is determined to have made a definite choice for a write-in vote for the joint office of President/Vice-President if the voter writes in either the last name of the candidate for President or the last name of the candidate for Vice-President. This standard similarly applies to constitute a valid write-in vote for the joint office of Governor/Lieutenant Governor if the voter writes in either the last name of the candidate for Governor or the last name of the candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Valid Vote for Joint Qualified Write-in President and Vice President Candidates, Lenny Bruce and Sally Marr

For President/Vice President (Vote for one)		
0	Lucille Ball Buster Keaton	
0	Jack Benny Don Wilson	
0	Desi Arnaz Xavier Cugat	
0	Lenny Bruce Sally Marr	
0	<u>Marr</u> Write-In	

(b) A voter is determined to have made a definite choice for a named candidate if the voter indicates a vote for a candidate named on the ballot and also writes-in the name of that same candidate in the blank space for 'write-in candidate'.

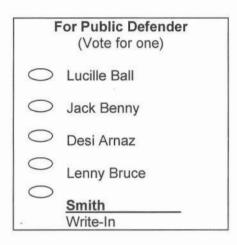
Valid Vote for Benny

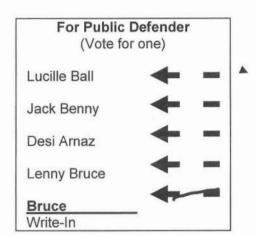


(c) A voter is determined to have made a definite choice for a particular candidate if the voter either writes in the name of a qualified write-in candidate or the name of a candidate who is named on the ballot in that race, whether or not the oval or arrow designating the selection of a write-in candidate has been marked.

Valid Vote for Smith, if Smith is a qualified write-in candidate

Valid Vote for Bruce





- (d) If a voter abbreviates, misspells or varies the form of the name of a candidate in the write-in candidate space, it shall not affect the determination of whether the voter has made a definite choice.
- (e) If a voter indicates a vote for a candidate named on the ballot and also writes in a name of a different person in the write-in candidate space, it shall be considered an overvote and none of the votes are valid for that race.

Invalid Vote

For Sheriff
(Vote for one)

Lucille Ball

Jack Benny

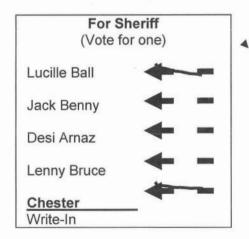
Desi Arnaz

Lenny Bruce

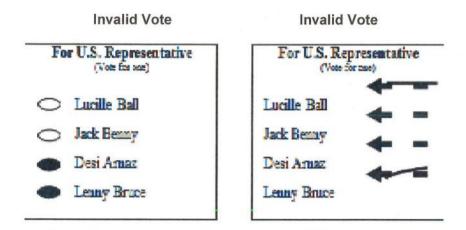
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Write-In

Invalid Vote



(6) Overvotes. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and (5), if the voter marks more choices than there are positions or choices for that office or issue, it shall be considered an overvote and none of the votes are valid for that race.



- (7) Valid Vote.
- (a) A vote shall not count for any particular candidate, issue choice, or judicial retention choice at issue unless determined to be a valid vote pursuant to this rule.
- (b) If a voter does not mark a candidate, judicial retention choice, or issue choice in a contest, the valid votes for other candidates or issues on the same ballot shall still be counted. Specific Authority 20.10(3), 97.021, 102.166(4) FS. Law Implemented 101.5614(5), 102.166(4) FS. History–New 6-6-02, Amended 10-6-08.